

State/UT	Beneficiary units (No.s)
Maharashtra	132
Manipur	16
Meghalaya	3
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	1
Orissa	48
Punjab	126
Rajasthan	38
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	115
Uttar Pradesh	719
Uttaranchal	5
West Bengal	44
GRAND TOTAL :	2143

Note: The Scheme is operational since January 2001.

Placing of SPY statellite in orbit by ISRO

1350. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation is considering to place a spy satellite in the orbit;
- (b) if so, whether the ISRO is preparing to "build more satellite at a faster rate, incorporating new technologies" like microwave imaging;
- (c) whether ISRO is also considering to double its capacity to four satellites annually from two to meet the rising demands for services; and
- (d) if so, by when a final decision for launching of a spy satellite would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

- (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Towards meeting the ever-increasing demands of various user agencies/organisations, ISRO is gearing itself to build the required number of newer satellites in the coming years, both for communications and remote sensing purposes, with enhanced capacities and capabilities, incorporating various new technologies, including the microwave imaging.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of permanent National Statistical Commission

1351. **SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:**

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Statistical Commission headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan recommended for creation of a new National Commission of Statistics to revamp the country's statistical system;

(b) if so, the details of such recommendations;

(c) the other recommendations made by the NSC; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the commission has also proposed for restructuring the existing statistics wing of his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Commission have recommended creation of a National Commission on Statistics as a permanent and statutory apex body.

(c) and (d) The report is in two volumes containing 623 recommendations including those relating to reform and restructuring of the Indian Statistical System/organizations. These recommendations broadly relate to the following:

1. Reforms in the administrative structure of the Indian Statistical System and upgrading its infrastructure so as to ensure its autonomy;
2. Improvement of the present system of collection of data in relation to data that are currently being generated;